

What is claimed is:

- 5 1. A method for the treatment or prevention of heart failure, which comprises the administration to a patient in need thereof of a pharmaceutical composition comprising cilobradine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, together with a pharmaceutically suitable carrier.
- 10 2. The method of claim 1 for the prevention of heart failure.
3. The method of claim 1 for the treatment of heart failure.
- 15 4. The method of claim 1 wherein the galenical formulation of the pharmaceutical composition is a tablet, a drinking solution, a capsule, a suppository or an injectable formulation.
5. The method of claim 4 wherein the galenical formulation of the pharmaceutical composition is a tablet.
- 20 6. The method of claim 4 wherein the galenical formulation of the pharmaceutical composition is a drinking solution.
7. The method of claim 1 wherein the pharmaceutical composition is administered following a single or multiple stage daily application scheme.
- 25 8. The method of claim 7 wherein the administered dose of cilobradine or its pharmaceutically acceptable salt is between 0.01 and 20 mg/kg body weight.

9. The method of claim 7 wherein the administered dose of cilobradine or its pharmaceutically acceptable salt is between 0.05 and 5 mg/kg body weight.
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10. The method of claim 7 wherein the administered dose of cilobradine or its pharmaceutically acceptable salt is between 0.1 and 2.5 mg/kg body weight.
- 10 11. The method according to claim 7 wherein the administered dose of cilobradine or its pharmaceutically acceptable salt is between 0.1 and 1 mg/kg body weight.
- 15 12. The method of claim 7 wherein the administered dose of cilobradine or its pharmaceutically acceptable salt is between 0.1 and 0.75 mg/kg body weight.
- 20 13. The method of claim 1 wherein the treatment or prevention of heart failure is performed in combination with other therapeutic agents for the treatment or prevention of heart failure.
- 25 14. The method of claim 13 wherein said therapeutic agents include diuretics, cardiac glycosides, ACE inhibitors, ARBs, vasodilators, beta blockers or inotropes.